

HCS HB 670 -- GIFTED EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Sommer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill requires any district with an approved gifted education program to have a process, which must be approved by the district's board of education, that establishes a process that outlines the procedures and conditions under which parents or guardians may request a review of the decision that determined that their child did not qualify to receive services through the district's gifted education program.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that some other programs have defined appeals processes but the gifted programs do not. Moving from one district to another can cause issues because the new district may have different criteria and this helps to iron that out.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sommer; Missouri National Education Association; AFT St. Louis Local 420; Lenae Lazzelle, Gifted Association of Missouri, Gifted Education Advisory, and Gifted Education Director, Springfield Public Schools.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.